

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The replacement sheet in the Appendix includes changes to Figure 9. In Figure 9, the spellings of STANDARD and LISBON have been corrected.

REMARKS

The specification, drawings, and abstract have been amended to make editorial changes therein.

The previously pending claims have been replaced with new claims 10-11.

In view of the new claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 were rejected as unpatentable over MOTOMURA EP 1 209 863 in view of CHEN et al. 2003/0040321. The new claims avoid this rejection and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 10 provides that the driver and hardware module of the system are arranged to (a) obtain a time zone within which the system is located from a date and time property of an operating system (OS) of the system in response to a country update request from a user of the system, (b) retrieve a list of countries in the time zone within which the system is located, (c) permit the user of the system to select a present-location country from the list of countries retrieved, (d) retrieve communication channel and transmission power settings for the present-location country from a table, (e) set the communication channel and the transmission power in the system based on the retrieved settings to enable communication in the present-location country.

Neither reference discloses or suggests obtaining a time zone within which the system is located from a date and time property of an OS of the system in response to a country update request from a user of the system, retrieving a list of countries in the time zone within which the system is located, or permitting the user of the system to select a present-location country from the list of countries retrieved. Since these features are not disclosed in the references, they would not be obvious to one of skill in the art and the new claims avoid the rejection under §103.

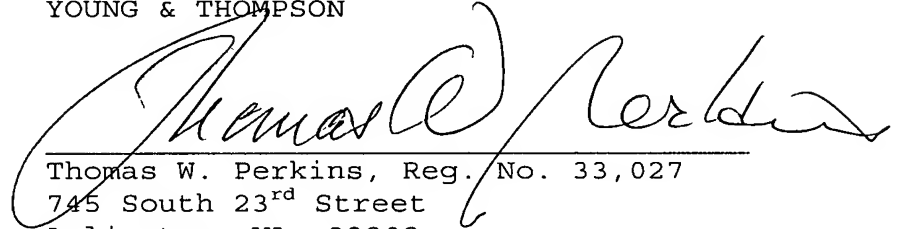
MOTOMURA uses a GPS system to determine a current position from which a current-location country is derived (paragraphs 0015, 0038) and CHEN et al. determine a current latitude and longitude from which a current-location time zone is derived (paragraph 0007). Neither system uses a date and time property of an OS to determine the time zone in response to a request from a user, and neither system offers a list of countries within the time zone from which the user can select the current-location country.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following items:

- one replacement drawing sheet
- amended Abstract of the Disclosure